



Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
7:45 P.M.**

**WESTON TOWN HALL
DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM**

Eric Albert
Chairman
Committees:
Administrative,
Programs

David Juneau
Vice Chairman
Committee:
Fields

Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
Committees:
Fields, Parks

Marc Butlein
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Jed Ferdinand
Committee:
Aquatics

Brian Collins
Commissioner
Committee:
Administrative

Mark Crowley
Secretary
Commissioner

- 8 *Official action of the commission in these minutes is indicated by*
9 *underlining.*
- 10 The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular
11 monthly meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014 at Weston Town Hall.
12 Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Dave Juneau, Marc Butlein, Jed
13 Ferdinand and Brian Collins. Public Present: none. Also present: Dave
14 Ungar, Parks & Recreation Director. Call to order: Chairman Albert called
15 the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.
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- 17 1) Approval of Minutes.
- 18 Minutes of the October 6, 2014 regular meeting were approved, subject
19 to minor amendments. Motion was approved. For: 4 Against:0.
20 Commissioner Ferdinand was not yet present for the vote.
- 21 2) Public Forum - None
- 22 3) Unfinished Business
- 23 a) Review of action items due from October 6 - none
- 24 b) Fairfield University / Weston Youth P&R basketball support update
25 – Mr. Ungar updated the commission on his progress (along with
26 Bill Schaefer) with Peter Kucher of Fairfield University to
27 brainstorm ideas of how the university can get more involved in our
28 basketball (and other) programs. To date, the Fairfield University
29 students cannot commit to a long term full season of help due to
30 their school commitments. We are looking at Fairfield U. students
31 helping out in the beginning of the season with refereeing /teaching

- 32 in some of the early games with the 3rd and 4th graders. They also
33 may attend the placement meetings with the coaches to talk about
34 the drills and skills that are most appropriate to teach the players.
- 35 c) Stadium lighting & sound project – Mr. Ferdinand updated the
36 committee in regards to the lighting and sound at the H.S. stadium.
37 He indicated he was not aware of any complaints regarding the
38 lights and that any issues that have come up related to sound.
- 39 d) Other unfinished business - none
- 40 4) Report of standing committees:
- 41 a) Administrative Committee: Mr. Ungar distributed (and the
42 Commission discussed) the Activity Bottom Line Report for
43 October 2014 and comparative information from October 2013.
44 Commissioner Crowley has been working with Dave to develop an
45 excel spread sheet that would track our monthly income and
46 expenditures for ease of reporting and forecasting trends.
- 47 The draft Parks & Recreation 2015-2016 operating and capital
48 budgets will be presented to the Commission at the December 15th
49 meeting by Dave for Commission review and approval prior to
50 submitting to the First Selectwoman and Town Administrator.
- 51 b) Aquatics Committee: Mr. Ungar provided the Commission with an
52 update on the pool UV and HVAC repairs. The replacement UV
53 lamp on order has not come in as of yet.
- 54 c) Fields Committee: Mr. Ungar updated the Commission on the
55 Evaluation provided by Dr. Dest on the Town fields. Discussion
56 took place on whether to ask Dr. Dest if he had recommendations
57 for closing any fields for maintenance and rest now or in the future.
58 Dave will contact Dr. Dest to provide this further information.
59 Overall conditions improved on most of the fields. The annual in
60 house reporting process on field quality was passed out by Dave
61 and discussion followed as to whether the school personnel
62 received copies of this evaluation on the school campus fields.
63 Dave will provide Joe Olenik and Rocky Popoli copies of this
64 evaluation to ensure the school is aware of any documented
65 concerns. Commissioner Butlein commented that if damage is
66 caused by outside groups using the fields that they should be held
67 responsible for the cost of the repairs. Dave was asked by the
68 Commission to share the reports with the community user groups
69 and keep them as partners in our discussions for any future
70 maintenance and repairs.
- 71 d) Parks Committee: The access road to the pond has been paved this
72 fall and now is in very good condition. This was done by the
73 contractor for the public works department and was funded in their
74 budget. Dave has been asked to get an estimate on the resurfacing

75 of the Admin basketball court for the upcoming budget. This court
76 gets lots of use by both kids and adults and is in bad shape.
77 Discussion followed regarding the potential of ice skating on the
78 courts in the winter. This was done some years back but problems
79 arose when people tried to skate on the ice when it wasn't frozen
80 through resulting in cutting the liner and rendering the rink
81 unusable. The weather is not consistently cold enough to have the
82 ice frozen all of the time and we do not have a refrigeration system.

83 e) Programs Committee: Update was given on basketball and swim
84 registrations. The Men's fall wood bat softball league concluded
85 with a very good season. There were four men's teams again this
86 fall and they played on the Middle School softball field this year.

87 5) New Business: None

88 6) Correspondence: None

89 7) Announcements: Chairman Albert reminded the Commission that the
90 WPRC meeting planned for December 8th will be moved to December
91 15th.
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93 8) Adjournment: The Commission moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

94 Respectfully Submitted,

95 David E. Ungar,

96 Director of Parks & Recreation
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98 Minutes Approved 12-15-14

